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SEVERAL promising aspirations after office have recently encountered the will-pus-willups of the Post-Dispatch.

The happy instinct is unconquerable in certain depraved people. Some of these began to defame and traduce the memory of Mr. TILDEN on the day of his death.

When time has been when Americans traveling in Mexico, found it necessary to claim to be British subjects in order to insure protection; but the spirit of Jeffersonian simplicity should change all that.

MR. CUTTING is quite a young man yet, and if he does not attempt to escape there is a reasonable probability that he will live long enough to obtain that "instant release" which was demanded by BAYARD a month ago.

THE Cutting case has reached the literary and argumentative stage. The idea of sending a special envoy to Mexico to look into the matter would justify Minister JACKSON in asking "What am I here for, anyhow?"

WHEN FRED DOUGLASS became Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia he putative of his relatives in subordinate positions. It is for Mr. MATTHEWS, the colored carpetbagger, to say whether these five lucky ones shall be retained or turned out.

THE triumph of Prohibition at Jackson, Miss., may subject the Legislature of that State to some inconvenience when it meets again. It is probable that the town will enjoy a sudden boom in old bottles and molasses jugs, like that recently experienced in other strongholds of Prohibition.

THE Globe-Democrat's active and intelligent correspondent declares that the only Republican newspaper in South Carolina is edited by a negro. This is not surprising, in view of the fact that the negroes form the most reputable and reliable element of the Republican party in South Carolina.

THE Surveyor of St. Louis has not yet asked anybody at Washington if it is proper for him to remain on the Democratic State Committee, or if it would be proper for him to pull the wires in a State convention. It is possible that some information on these points will be volunteered in the course of time.

A TELEGRAM from Washington states that the Pan-Electric people have been made happy by a decision of the Patent Office to reinstate the Gray patent. It is lucky that those people have at last found something to make them happy; they waited a long time for it and their patience ought to be rewarded.

THE New York World gave Miss CLEVELAND a good life by paying the current number of Literary Life entire in last Thursday's issue. The press of the country has been very courteous in adding the President's sister in her new venture with kindly notices; but the World, by this act, distances its contemporaries in the race of courteous literary.

MR. EDMUNDS thinks that with a good Western man as a nominee the Republicans will have secured out of ten chances to elect him in 1888. There is nothing in this statement that conflicts with the belief that with another bad Eastern man as standard-bearer the Republicans will have about ten chances out of seven to be beaten in the next race for the Presidential stakes.

It is announced that Senator EVARTS is to take part in the Maine campaign. It is expected that his speech will be such as to warrant each party in claiming him as its own. MR. EVARTS knows how not to say it as thoroughly as any public man in the country; and the present mixed condition of Maine politics creates a special demand for campaign oratory of the vague and undecide variety.

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS REED has opened the Republican campaign in Maine with a diffusive and writhing oration. He entertained his hearers with a fiery arraignment of the Democratic party and the administration, but failed to enlighten them as to his position on the very important subject of Prohibition. There can be no doubt that Mr. REED thinks as MR. BAYARD does on this subject; and for this

reason his audience were very anxious to hear him declare himself on the whisky question. If MR. REED is a Prohibitionist, the people ought to know it.

## THE MATTHEWS CASE.

The reappointment of JAMES C. MATTHEWS of Albany, N. Y., to succeed FREDERICK DOUGLASS as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia after the Senate had passed upon and rejected the nomination, is one of the President's most questionable and least excusable acts.

The nomination in the first place was objectionable as an attempt to impose upon the disfranchised people of the District a carpet-bagger as the holder of their most lucrative and important local office. In rejecting it without regard to the color, character, or qualifications of MATTHEWS, the Senate can insist that it did so from a proper regard for the manifest and strenuous opposition of the District people. Even if they are not allowed to choose their own local officials, as is done by their fellow citizens everywhere else in the United States, it would still be in harmony with Democratic ideas and institutions to appoint a resident acceptable to the people of the District. And if the President wished to reward the services which had been rendered to the party in Albany under his own eye by MATTHEWS, or to make of him a conspicuous example of the willingness of white Democrats to fraternize and share the offices with colored Democrats, that object might have been more appropriately accomplished by giving him some good Federal office in New York, where he is known and where his services were rendered. To insist on cramming him down the throats of a disfranchised but protesting population, is like admitting that the Administration dare not give a negro an office in any community where Democrats can vote.

But the reappointment of a man whose nomination has been formally passed upon and for any reason rejected, by the Senate is a very grave error. The ill-voiced which the President has fired off in eight months have sufficiently shown his contempt for the judgment of both houses of Congress, irrespective of party. But this reappointment is not only made in aggressive contempt of the Senate's veto power over appointments, but in apparent contempt of the Constitution which confers that power. If the veto of the Senate is not conclusive against the right of the President to veto appointments conferred in vain on the Senate and the President has the power to fill the offices regardless of the Senate, and regardless of the plainest intent and meaning of the Constitution.

The Senate may have erred in rejecting this appointment, as it certainly has erred in confirming some of the President's nominees, some who have since been railroaded to the Penitentiary, some who are on their way there, and some whom he himself has removed by discovering their true character. But this is not a question as to the character and qualifications of MATTHEWS; it is a question of high constitutional right, and if it is a very serious thing for a President to exercise a disputed and doubtful power, it is surely a very grave error, something worse than a mistake about the merits of an appointment, for him to do what is plainly a nullification of a power unquestionably conferred on the Senate.

Congress is expressly authorized by the Constitution to vest in the courts the appointing power now exercised by the President and Senate, excepting only a few of the principal offices. If Congress is to be treated as the mere butt of Executive contempt, and the offices are to be disposed of regardless of the Senate's veto, the propriety of cutting down the President's patronage to some extent will soon be forced upon the attention of the country.

## DUPLICATION OFFICES.

Since it has become fashionable to employ special counsel and pay them lavish fees for doing what United States Attorneys are commissioned and paid to do, we are beginning also to reward party or personal services by sending well paid "envoys" abroad to do the work our foreign Ministers are supposed to do. It is asserted that a Mr. ARTHUR SEDGWICK, a Mugwump lawyer, has been employed and commissioned to go to Mexico and get the facts and also the Mexican statement about the Cutting case. The public presumed that, as a matter of course and in accordance with a statute enacted for the government of our executive, all this information had been laid before MR. BAYARD by Minister JACKSON before that peremptory demand for the release of CUTTING was presented to the Mexican Government. It was to render just such service that Minister JACKSON was made to Minister to Mexico. As a lawyer, a statesman and man of affairs, he is both more experienced and more distinguished than MR. SEDGWICK. If JACKSON has been found inattentive or incapable, he should be recalled and his duty assigned to his successor. His duty of appointing a Minister or other official as the mere figurehead of a sentence and employing a special envoy or special consul whenever there is any work to be done, is not in strict accord with old-fashioned ideas of Jeffersonian simplicity and economy. It is suggestive of a disposition to multiply special employments

and provide special tests for an Administration's babies because there are not enough offices to go round.

ACCORDING to a telegram from the City of Mexico, the full text of Judge ZUBIA's decision at El Paso del Norte, as published in the Diario, the Mexican Government's official organ, puts the sentence of CUTTING entirely upon the ground that he, a domiciled resident of Mexico, violated a local law both by libeling a Mexican in a paper which he published in Chihuahua and by circulating therein a libel which he had published in Texas. If Envoys SEDGWICK's report shall show that CUTTING was tried and punished according to local law, and only for unlawful acts on Mexican soil, MR. BAYARD will have to shift his demand for CUTTING's release to some new ground. While we cannot submit to the punishment of Americans in Mexico for things they have done in the United States, neither can we permit them to be punished under any local law which is in conflict with their rights under treaties or the guarantees of international law. So far as the State rights of Chihuahua are concerned, treaties and international obligations are the supreme law there as here, and if cases involving national obligations cannot be transferred from State courts to Federal courts, there as here, that is Mexico's fault or misfortune, as the case may be, and American citizens should not suffer therefrom. If Mexico cannot force a Mexican State to respect her treaties and national obligations, we can and will.

TREATING Gov. ROSS and Surveyor-General JULIAN of New Mexico as mercenary deserters from the Republican party, a Republican editor occasionally makes their acceptance of such offices after they have served the Democratic party for ten or fifteen years a text for taunts and sneers aimed both at them and the party they now belong to. They are two typical representatives of those pioneer Abolitionists to whom the Republican party is more indebted than to anybody else for all that is creditable in its record. But in the day of its power it neither honored nor rewarded them, because it was not guided by the principles nor by the earnest and unselfish devotion to principle which animated them, and which alone forced them all at last to join the Democrats in rescuing the country from the sordid and corrupt misrule of the Republican party. It showered pelf and power on men who were pro-slavery Democrats when Abolitionists were few, or on men who were actually in the Rebel army while ROSS and JULIAN were fighting both in forum and battlefield to set the negro free. They have been all their lives in the habit of serving where a sense of patriotic duty called them without regard for the emoluments or distinctions of place, and that is the very reason why JULIAN and ROSS were chosen to lead the forlorn hope against the powerful land rings of New Mexico. Perhaps that is also the reason why the organs or tools of those rings attack them for consenting to go there.

THE opposition of the Globe-Democrat to Congressman GLOVER is based on two distinct grounds: first, that GLOVER is a Democrat; second, that he contributed a hundred dollars to help working-men who were out of employment. The Globe-Democrat has always favored the idea of allowing the Democrats to nominate their poorest and weakest men, and the sincerity of its opposition is the highest tribute it could pay to the member from the Ninth District. It is worthy of remark that no suggestion has been made from any quarter of any candidate to oppose Mr. GLOVER, and his re-election is a foregone conclusion.

MR. JOHN SWINTON is grieved over the number of suspensions among papers devoted exclusively to the cause of labor. If this experience teaches anything, it teaches that the defendant papers were not conducted in the right way. Laboring men are numerous and intelligent and their patronage forms the chief support of many publications of various kinds. But a paper must be conducted on sound business principles, no matter what it proposes to uphold and defend. MR. SWINTON is a guileless knight-errant in journalism, and he has already shown that plausible doctrine and moral beauty are not sufficient in themselves to establish a paper on a paying basis.

A MEMPHIS correspondent has sent abroad an account of the Confederate reunion at Senobolia, Tate County, Miss., which contains one lie that ought to make the sear-spirit Amantia ashamed of himself. "Addresses were delivered beneath the waving folds of the stars and bars," says the imaginative correspondent, who is perhaps the same man who injected an imaginary Confederate flag into RIZ LEE's gubernatorial campaign in Virginia. When a man is too drunk to count the stripes on his country's flag he is hardly in a condition to send a veracious and accurate telegram.

Those who speak of the immense things that the valiant Planned Knight would do if he were now Secretary of State should remember that he once occupied that position and showed no more inclination to protect the rights of American citizens than is manifested by MR. BAYARD. A persistent failure to protect American citizens from wrongs inflicted by foreign governments was among the gravest sins of the Republican party, and the Democrats are expected to make some improvement in this respect.

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A Brass Band on Bicycles to Participate in the Wheelmen's Parade—Sketch of the Organization and its Leading Men.

The Cycling Flambeaux—Progress of the Parade.

As predicted in the POST-DISPATCH the idea of holding a three-day's meet for Western cyclists, in connection with the illuminated parade, has been taken hold of with avidity. It seems as if the occasion was just such a one as the wheelmen of the West were looking for. They have been so regularly overlooked in the matter of meet, because of the wheel manufacturing interests and the larger number of riders are in the East that this experience of holding a meet of all their own has a peculiar charm, especially since it has an element of novelty never belonging to any previous gathering of wheelmen, no matter how much more pretentious it was. As they think of being in company with the Trades Display, the Velociped and the Knights Templar, they get stirred like a new racer among the flyers, who bands his head down and says: "Well, I'm in pretty fast company, but I'll cut out some lively work."

As the parade programme is more and more elaborated, louder and louder praise is accorded the unattainable or non-elit riders.

So far the praise is called out by their promise or encouraging talk; what the fulfillment will be remains to be seen, but there is no reason to doubt that much hearty support will be accorded by this class of riders who are developing a desire to show that it is surprising, most agreeably, every one who has an interest in the parade.

It is not surprising that at first on nearly every tongue has faded away, for it is being proved every day that the wheelmen are deriving unlooked for benefits from the parade even now in its incipient. Never before has there been such a searching out of fellow cyclists as they see other clubs at work for the first time. The wheelmen are being pulled out from the brush of reserve and the rubbish of indifference, and a new life has been awakened both in them and those who are first meeting them. As they see other clubs at work for the first time, the wheelmen are being pulled out from the brush of reserve and the rubbish of indifference, and a new life has been awakened both in them and those who are first meeting them.

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masked. No elaborate get-ups are necessary, but we hope you will take part with us in this parade, and will induce your friends and fellow club-men to take part. We shall be glad to have clubs participate as a body, and will assign them places in the parade and program, so that the spectators may know them.

Prizes will be given for the two best illuminated bicycles and for the two best illuminated tricycles or tandems.

On the night of the parade the grand street illumination for which the carnival season in St. Louis is celebrated will be lighted, and the spectacle will be unsurpassed in cycling history. The merchants and citizens are assisting us in our endeavor to make this parade feature both of the Division meet and the carnival season. Please advise me of your intention to participate, and of your intention as to illumination of wheel and costume. The one-half mile State championship of circulars and blanks, the latter to be filled out and returned, showing the number of those who will attend. Among other clubs the following will be addressed:

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Dakota—Grand Forks.

Indiana—Indianapolis.

Illinois—Chicago.

Iowa—Des Moines.

Kansas—Emporia.

Louisiana—New Orleans.

Michigan—Ann Arbor.

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